

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

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Reading of the minutes of the December 7, 2005 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones to fill the unexpired term of Jim Speakman
2. 2006 Budget review

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

# CANTON PARK COMMISSION

## BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY, 2006

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Steve Lamiell, Vice President; Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Black at 4:15 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2005 regular meeting as written. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Director reported to the Board that the shed that was a problem at Harmont Park had been removed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones to fill the unexpired term of Jim Speakman - The Board welcomed the recently appointed new member.
2. 2006 Budget review - The Director informed the Board that the Park System did not receive the funds necessary to add an Operator position. There were funds for four summer positions, but other line items were reduced. The amount available for overtime was reduced from last year as were some others.

The Director provided copies of the capital requests that he had sent down for consideration.

Mr. Black asked if a copy of the requests had been sent to Councilmember Casar. The Director stated that it had not yet been sent to Councilmember Casar, but soon would be sent.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Jack Ford of Beaver Construction addressed the Board. He stated that Beaver Construction had been awarded the contract for improvements to I-77 that included a noise wall along Stadium Park and in front of Mercy Hospital. He explained that the hospital has stated they did not want the wall in front of their facility, and he felt that the wall along Stadium Park was not necessary.

He told the Board that to install the wall would require the clearing of a large number of trees and could make the park road area more noisy.

The Director told the group that he had talked to the City Engineer who felt that the Board should keep the wall as it would make the park area less noisy and once turned down you would not get it back.

Mr. Ford stated that although the area behind the wall would be less noisy the further one gets away from the wall the noise level seems to increase.

The Director also stated he was concerned about what the wall would look like and who would maintain it on the park side. The wall would be a place for people to paint things on.

Mr. Ford stated they would be willing to remove any trees along the right-of-way that the Park System felt needed removed and possibly plant some trees to help shield the park from the freeway while they there.

Mr. Ford also stated the West Park project was just about finished, but the weather was holding things up. They needed a freeze to be able to finish this winter.

After the discussion, a motion was made by A. Black to support the no wall concept and to try and get ODOT to do something with the drainage problem they created in the shelter 3 and 4 area. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Southwest Association of Neighbors requesting the Board's approval and permission to make improvements to McKinley Park. They have talked about picnic tables, a ramp to make the park accessible, signs, small shelters or a gazebo. The Board discussed the proposal and, noting the new Federal offices going in just north of the park, thought that maybe these plans should be expanded.

The Director and Ms. Jones both stated that the park had great historical value as the original southwest corner of the City and graveyard.

A motion to support the Association's effort to raise money for improvements to the park with final approval after the Board can review final plans for improvements was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

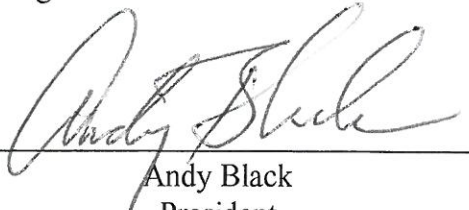
3. The Director requested the Board to consider the changing of the hour for hour compensatory time for approved overtime for the Assistant Director and Foreman's positions to hour for hour paid time. This would be along the lines of what was done for Street Department Foremen.

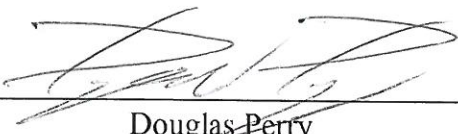
The reason for the request is that because the Park System is short staffed, it is difficult to schedule around vacation, sick, and compensatory time. The change would keep the Assistant Director on the job more time rather than off, making up for compensatory time. The foreman's position is currently unfilled.

The Board requested the amount of compensatory hours earned by the Assistant Director last year, and the reasons it was changed to paid rather than compensatory time for the Street Foremen.

The issue was tabled.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Andy Black  
President

  
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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary